

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 WONDER STREET
JOHNSTOWN, PA 15905

MINUTES FOR JANUARY 18, 2021

The pledge of allegiance was conducted, and the scheduled January 18, 2021 Council meeting via Zoom was called to order by President Speicher at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Mark Yonko; Council President Sheree Speicher; Council Members Richard Rodgers, Kevin Pile, Herb Ewald, Robert Morgan and William Trevorow; Solicitor Michael Carbonara; Exec. Sec. Amanda Layton; Street Commissioner Harry Lingenfelter; Police Chief Michael Lose; Engineer Todd Banks

Absent: Council Member Edward Danyluk; Fire Chief Michael Butler

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve the December 14, 2020 council meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve the December 22, 2020 special meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

Police Chief's Report

The December 2020 Police Chief's Report was received and is on file.

Fire Company Report

Chief Butler absent. The December 2020 Fire Chief's Report and 2020 Annual Chief's Report were received and are on file. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to send a thank you letter to the Southmont Volunteer Fire Company for their detailed annual reports. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

Engineer's Report

Mr. Banks reported Snyder Environmental Services Phase II bond expires January 23, 2021 so any outstanding issues need to be added to the punch list immediately. Mr. Banks prepared final pay estimate but did not receive a signed copy so it will be pushed to the next meeting.

Mr. Banks reported a lot of time has been exhausted between himself, Attorney Carbonara, Mr. Lingenfelter and Mrs. Layton trying to answer residents' questions regarding the excess groundwater letters that were sent out and work is being done to better inform residents of what is going on and what is expected of them. Solicitor Carbonara reported on information he provided to council regarding a compliance program through Johnstown Redevelopment Authority that would finance the repairs and JRA would charge the resident \$6.00 per month per \$1,000.00 spent on the project, which would be added to their monthly JRA bill. Council suggested a second notice be sent to the residents that received the initial excess groundwater letter informing them of the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority compliance program.

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Zoning Officer's Report

The December 2020 Zoning Officer's Report was received and is on file. Mrs. Speicher stated Mr. Walker has withdrawn the citation filed against 308 State Street because the mulch pile has been cleaned up and he is watching the progress with Grimaldi's Garage being cleaned up.

Street Commissioner's Report

Nothing to report.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Carbonara reported he is working on the updated traffic ordinance regarding parking and signs.

Executive Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

New Business

Council reviewed a letter received from Jeanine Matse, Southmont Borough Tax Collector, requesting an increase in compensation of \$0.25 per parcel. A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to deny the request. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorror, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve Ordinance No. 530, setting the 2021 garbage fee. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorror, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

Committees:

Streets: Mr. Morgan commended the Public Works Department on the good job they did with the recent snowstorm.

Administration: Nothing to report.

Personnel: Nothing to report.

Police: Nothing to report.

Budget/Tax Collection: Mr. Pile stated the budget looks good.

Shade Trees: Nothing to report.

Bldg. & Grounds: Nothing to report.

GJWA: Nothing to report.

Open Records: Nothing to report.

Borough Services: Nothing to report.

Audit: Nothing to report.

Insurance: Nothing to report.

Blighted Properties: Nothing to report.

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Ballfield Improvement: Nothing to report.

Business Items

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve ratification of payroll from December 15, 2020 through January 18, 2021 in the amount of \$17,396.32. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve payment of bills from December 15, 2020 through January 18, 2021 in the amount of \$139,879.53. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve ratification of bills paid from December 10, 2019 through December 14, 2020 in the amount of \$110,364.78 that were not included on bill sheets due to system error. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve transfers as presented from December 15, 2020 through January 18, 2021 in the amount of \$724,386.54. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the December 2020 treasurer's report in the amount of \$1,274,783.47. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to note the receipt of the December 2020 tax collector's report in the amount of \$5,670.42. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

An Executive Session was called at 4:47 p.m. to discuss legal negotiations. Executive Session ended at 5:07 p.m. and the regularly scheduled meeting was resumed.

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the AFSCME Union Contract effective January 1, 2021. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to send Attorney Robert Brierton a thank you letter for his services and terminate the engagement since the Union Contract has been approved. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the January 18, 2021 meeting at 5:10 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda Layton
Executive Secretary